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"(b) & (c) A copy [a] of the Press note embodying the conditions for the grant of financial assistance to indigent T.B. patient from the Bhavanagar Kshayarog Fund is placed on the table of the House."

Exemption of Jaggery Co-operative Societies from sales tax

* 1809 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" As jaggery manufacturing co-operative societies have been exempted from sales tax now, I am not putting my question, Sir."

Major and minor panchayats

* 1810 Q.—SRI A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how many major and minor panchayats are working in this State; and

(b) how many new panchayats are proposed to be constituted?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (a) The old classification of panchayats as 'major' and 'minor' has been replaced by Class I and Class II in accordance with section 5 of the Madras Village Panchayats Act, 1950. On 1st January 1955 there were 294 Class I panchayats and 4,909 Class II panchayats.

" (b) It is estimated that about 600 new panchayats will be constituted by the end of March 1955."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Whereas the question of constituting no panchayats is engaging the attention of the Government for a long time, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that due representation was made by the people living in Avadi that that area has not been constituted into a panchayat, even though the population in that area is more than 5,000?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The question of Avadi Panchayat also will be considered as 600 new panchayats are proposed to be constituted."

* 1811 Q.—SRI K. MOIDU :—" I do not want to put my question."

Control of leprosy

* 1812 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the amount spent by the Government for extending the leprosy control scheme in the State in the year 1953–54;

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 1217 infra.

(b) whether the State Government recommended any pilol project scheme to the Union Government; and if so, its details with estimates of expenditure;

(c) how many leprosy treatment centres and subsidy centres are in the State; and

(d) how many recognised institutions in the State are working for the control of leprosy and amount of subsidy granted to them in the year 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Rs. 8,22,659.

" (b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of India have allotted to this Government under their Pilot Project Leprosy Control Scheme, a Treatment and Study Centre and two subsidiary centres. This Government have sanctioned the establishment of the Treatment and Study Centre at Tirukoilur (in South Arcot district) and the two subsidiary centres one at Vettavalam in North Arcot district and the other in Gandhigram area in Dindigul taluk of Madurai district. A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House regarding the detailed estimates of expenditure.

" (d) There are 11 Leprosy Sanatoria and 25 special Leprosy clinics in addition to the treatment and study centre at Tirukoilur and the two subsidiary centres at Vettavalam and Gandhigram to be opened shortly. The amount paid as capitation grant to private leprosy institution during 1953–54 was Rs. 3,11,974."

Encroachment on Government poramboke land in Veerapandi, Coimbatore taluk

* 1813 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of acres of Government poramboke lands encroached on or unauthorisedly occupied by landlords in No. 24. Veerapandi, Coimbatore taluk, Coimbatore district;

(b) whether any representations were made to the Government to assign the same to Harijans; and

(c) if so, what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Four hundred and sixty-five acres.

" (b) & (c) There were a number of applications, from Harijans and others for assignment of the sites encroached in S. No. 1009/1-A of Veerapandi village. This field is an unsurveyed block measuring 5,271 ;47 acres, which includes

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 1218-1219 infra.